

One year ago, October 7, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,221,842,000,000. (Five trillion, two hundred twenty-one billion, eight hundred forty-two million)

Five years ago, October 7, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$4,061,155,000,000. (Four trillion, sixty-one billion, one hundred fifty-five million)

Ten years ago, October 7, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,377,991,000,000. (Two trillion, three hundred seventy-seven billion, nine hundred ninety-one million)

Fifteen years ago, October 7, 1982, the Federal debt stood at \$1,131,630,000,000 (One trillion, one hundred thirty-one billion, six hundred thirty million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,283,455,048,979.17 (Four trillion, two hundred eighty-three billion, four hundred fifty-five million, forty-eight thousand, nine hundred seventy-nine dollars and seventeen cents) during the past 15 years.

U.S. FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending October 3, the United States imported 9,492,000 barrels of oil each day, 1,607,000 barrels more than the 7,885,000 imported each day during the same week a year ago.

Americans relied on foreign oil for 59.9 percent of their needs last week, and there are no signs that the upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf war, the United States obtained approximately 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970's, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

Anybody else interested in restoring domestic production of oil by U.S. producers using American workers?

Politicians had better ponder the economic calamity sure to occur in America if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the United States—now 9,492,000 barrels a day.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 629. An act to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

H.R. 998. An act for the relief of Lloyd B. Gamble.

H.R. 1127. An act to amend the Antiquities Act regarding the establishment by the President of certain national monuments.

H.R. 1211. An act for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation.

H.R. 1313. An act for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson.

At 2:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1122) to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 2:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 1000. An act to designate the United States courthouse at 500 State Avenue in Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Robert J. Dole United States Courthouse."

H.R. 1122. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions.

H.J. Res. 75. Joint resolution to confer status as an honorary veteran of the United States Armed Forces on Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope.

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

At 4:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2158) making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

At 5:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 169. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 998. An act for the relief of Lloyd B. Gamble; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1127. An act to amend the Antiquities Act regarding the establishment by the President of certain national monuments; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1211. An act for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1313. An act for the relief of Nancy B. Wilson; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 629. An act to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ROTH, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1269. An original bill to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements (Rept. No. 105-102).

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1271. An original bill to reauthorize the mass transit programs of the Federal Government, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-103).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 112. A resolution condemning the most recent outbreak of violence in the Republic of Congo and recognizing the threat such violence poses to the prospects for a stable democratic form of government in that country.

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 37. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that Little League Baseball Incorporated was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and should be entitled to all of the benefits and privs available to nongovernmental international organizations.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. D'AMATO, from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

Ellen Seidman, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision for a term of five years.

Edward M. Gramlich, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1994.

Roger Walton Ferguson, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1986.

Dennis Dollar, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2003.